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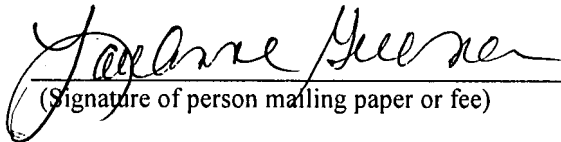
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Official Action mailed on June 15, 2007, and having a shortened statutory period for reply of September 17, 2007, with September 15, 2007, having fallen on a Saturday. This paper is believed timely without the need for an extension. If an extension is necessary, kindly grant one and deduct the fee for same from Deposit Account No. 02-4800, in the name of Buchanan Ingersoll PC.

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**Remarks** begin on page 7.